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# H. R. 3092

To amend part C of title XVIII of the Social Security Act to change the rate of increase in Medicare+Choice capitation rates for 2000 and subsequent years.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

OCTOBER 18, 1999

Mr. ENGEL (for himself and Mr. TOWNS) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means, and in addition to the Committee on Commerce, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Save Medicare Bene-  
5       ficiaries Act of 1999”.

1 **SEC. 2. CHANGE IN RATE OF INCREASE IN**  
2 **MEDICARE+CHOICE CAPITATION RATES FOR**  
3 **2000 AND SUBSEQUENT YEARS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1853(c)(3)(A) of the So-  
5 cial Security Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-23(c)(3)(A)) is  
6 amended by striking clauses (i) and (ii) and inserting the  
7 following:

8 “(i) for 1998 is, subject to subpara-  
9 graph (D), the annual per capita rate of  
10 payment for 1996 determined under sec-  
11 tion 1876(a)(1)(C) for the area, increased  
12 by the national per capita  
13 Medicare+Choice growth percentage for  
14 each of 1997 and 1998 (described in para-  
15 graph (6)(A));

16 “(ii) for 1999 is the annual area spe-  
17 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
18 termined under this paragraph for 1998  
19 for the area, increased by the national per  
20 capita Medicare+Choice growth percentage  
21 for 1999;

22 “(iii) for 2000 is the annual area spe-  
23 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
24 termined under this paragraph for 1999  
25 for the area, increased 0.5 percentage  
26 points;

1 “(iv) for 2001 is the annual area spe-  
2 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
3 termined under this paragraph for 2000  
4 for the area, increased 1.0 percentage  
5 points;

6 “(v) for 2002 is the annual area spe-  
7 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
8 termined under this paragraph for 2001  
9 for the area, increased 1.25 percentage  
10 points;

11 “(vi) for 2003 is the annual area spe-  
12 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
13 termined under this paragraph for 2002  
14 for the area, increased 1.25 percentage  
15 points;

16 “(vii) for 2004 is the annual area spe-  
17 cific Medicare+Choice capitation rate de-  
18 termined under this paragraph for 2003  
19 for the area, increased 1.0 percentage  
20 points; and

21 “(viii) for a subsequent year is the an-  
22 nual area specific Medicare+Choice capita-  
23 tion rate determined under this paragraph  
24 for the previous year for the area, in-  
25 creased by the national per capita

1 Medicare+Choice growth percentage for  
2 such subsequent year.”.

3 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENTS.—Section  
4 1853(c)(6)(B) of such Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w–  
5 23(c)(6)(B)) is amended—

6 (1) by striking clauses (i) through (vi) of sub-  
7 paragraph (B) and inserting the following:

8 “(i) for 1997, 0 percentage points;

9 “(ii) for 1998, 0.8 percentage points;

10 “(iii) for 1999, 0.5 percentage points;

11 and

12 “(iv) for a year after 1999, 0 percent-  
13 age points.”; and

14 (2) in subparagraph (C), by striking “Begin-  
15 ning with rates calculated for 1999”.

16 (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
17 this section apply to payments for months beginning with  
18 January 2000.

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